



CEPAC

APPROVED MINUTES

July 20, 2006

Call to Order: Called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Attendance: Present: Russ Cherry, Mike Berryhill (arrived at 7:53 p.m.), Brian Shreve, Nancy Martinez, Teresa Chaves, William Nolan, Lori Bersabe, Cliff Baughn

Excused: John Pilger, Donna Wynne, Tim Howard

Liaison: Althea Polanski

Staff: Patti Joki

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Approval of the minutes was moved and seconded.

Announcements /Correspondence:

1. Russ Cherry – Handed out information on:

- “It’s A Disaster” – a book on disaster planning for the general public
- ‘Alert’ from FEMA
- E-Waste recycling event flier
- Government Technology – A service that provides emergency alerts to cell phones & pagers.

He advised that DHS updates Emergency Preparedness on its web site; and, that September is National Preparedness Month.

2. Althea Polanski - Advised that August 3rd is Neighborhood Night Out. If you’re interested in holding an event, contact the Police Department. She also shared that Dennis Graham was appointed as Milpitas’ Police Chief, effective August 20th.

Approval of Agenda: Approval of the Agenda was moved and seconded.

Staff Reports:

1. Shaker Valves – Keyvan Irannejad gave a presentation on earthquake shut-off valves. A brief synopsis:
 - a. There are two types of valves: Excess Flow & Shut-off.
 - b. There is no standard to require installation in the California Building Code.

- c. In jurisdictions close by, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin Counties have adopted ordinances to require installation under certain circumstances. Northridge in Southern California has an ordinance in place too.
 - d. Contra Costa County developed their ordinance in response to a fire.
 - e. Statistics on activation are limited, however, during the Northridge Quake - 15,000 sites had shut off valves installed. Of these 841 activated and 162 systems leaked when the utility company reset the valve.
 - f. Pictures of the valves are available @ www.earthquakestore.com.
 - g. CEPAC Commissioners recommended seek City Council direction, i.e. have staff study the valves in more detail, gather information on liability and return with a recommendation.
2. MUSD – Earthquake cache- City to meet with school district to discuss location and contents.
 3. Email agenda – Commission gave approval for agenda to be sent via email.
 4. SAFE Update – Class #15 on target for September 7th – October 26th. To date 15 people signed up.
 5. Medical Personnel: County has listing of Fire personnel with EMT and paramedic certifications. Staff to research community ‘outreach’ possibilities.

New Business:

1. Wal-mart Grant – Grant approved by City Council for possible use to assist school district. Possible project is for flags/poles to identify site command center during emergency. Motion by Mike Berryhill to pursue cost of flags/poles, 2nd by William Nolan. Brian to obtain costs and bring information to next meeting. Forward other ideas to Brian.

Roundtable:

1. Information Subcommittee – Committee’s main focus is to increase public awareness. Goals pursuing:
 - a. Develop a brochure on CEPAC
 - b. Publicize CEPAC on - 1620 AM & Channel 15
 - c. Prepare a website for SAFE & link this to FEMA & Red Cross
 - d. Marquee (outside City Hall) to display SAFE information
 - e. Have a more significant role in community events:
 - i. School District exercise:
 1. Provide handouts.
 2. Give out small prizes; possibly water bottles.
 - f. Set up display table to publicize CEPAC, SAFE and disaster preparedness at community events such as ‘back to school night’, 4th of July / fireworks celebration, and ‘Celebrate Milpitas’

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2006 – Milpitas Police Building Community Room